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Letter: W.E. Johnson to Anne Johnson, July 17, 1864

W. E. Johnson
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Officers Prison Fort Delaware Del July 17th 1864

My dear Wife

I have written you several letters since I have been a prisoner ^{is} ~~has~~ much to my unpleasant position to think that it is not likely you have received any of them & may be in great distress about me. I can not however but hope some of them may have reached you & informed you of my unfortunate condition & relieved your anxiety as to my being killed or wounded. I have written you several times as in regard to how I was captured & will not take space in this letter by informing you again. It distressed me very much to think how long I had served as a private & that just as I had got into a position to serve with some comfort & credit to myself I should have been captured at all & my hopes in that respect blasted & my pleasant association with the men of my Co broken up. But you will say I ought to be thankful that my life has been spared. I am truly so, & am trying to bear this affliction with all the patience I am possessed of. Though I find this imprisonment hard to bear indeed, it seems to me it is the next worst thing to death. A short time after I was captured I was taken with a violent attack of Dysentery, with which I suffered much & stayed in the hospital nearly 2 weeks. I am nearly well now & hope I may continue so. I have received 100^{cs} from one of Father's friends which will relieve my necessities very much. Send word to the families of W^m P. Boney, Capt. Elisha J. Hale (near Rocky Mount) Lt. J. L. M^r Croog (Gladders Grove) & Capt. William Stewart (Sunderland) that they are all here & well. If this letter reaches you reply by the same route. I can not write you more than a letter going through the channel that this does as fully I would wish & you must content yourself with the knowledge that I am well & hope for the best. Write me very often whether you think the letters will reach me or not. May God bless you & my dear little boys. Your Devoted Husband, H. W. C. Johnson Co. 1st So. Cal. Cavalry, Prisoner of War Fort Delaware Del

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